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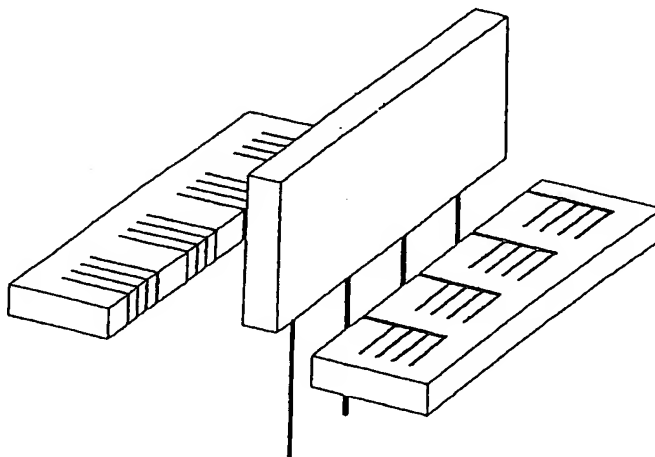
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(57) Abstract: A method of cutting a product of a predetermined shape from a sheet material (1) by firstly supporting a sheet material in a first position by a first support means (2) whereafter the sheet (1) may be cut through by moving a line type cutter (7) relative to the sheet material on a line or lines to define part of the predetermined shape. The sheet material may then be supported in a second position (whether by the first support means or another support means (2a, 2b)) and again cut by moving a line type cutter relative to the sheet material on a line or lines to define the remaining perimeter of the predetermined shape, to thereby cut the predetermined shape from the sheet material. In the second position the sheet material is provided with upward support to support the predetermined shape to be cut from the sheet material and wherein in the second position the or another support means includes a through cut commensurate to the line or lines to define the remaining perimeter of the predetermined shape.

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